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Agricultural Summary

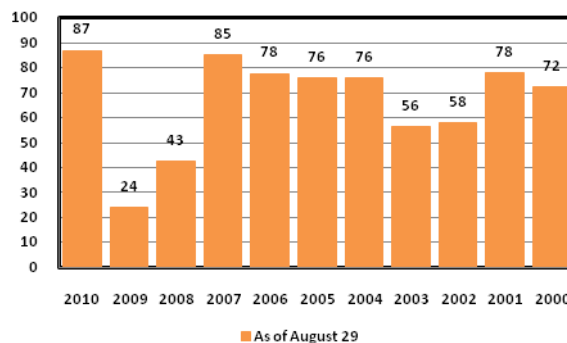
Very little, if any, precipitation was received last week across the state, which continued to speed the crops along in their development. Temperatures were more moderate last week, with the statewide average temperature being below normal for the first time since early July. There were 6.8 days suitable for fieldwork last week across the state, making it a good week to put up good quality hay. The corn crop advanced to 87 percent dented compared to the five-year average of 61 percent. An estimated 34 percent of the corn crop was mature, with 2 percent being harvested. Soybeans turning yellow reached 22 percent compared to 13 percent for the five-year average. Topsoil moisture was rated at 12 percent very short, 27 percent short, 59 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus, slightly drier than the previous week. Temperatures statewide averaged 71.7 degrees, 1.9 degrees below the state average. Farmers were busy preparing machinery for harvest, as corn harvest could be in full swing in some areas in the next week or two.

Crop Progress Percents

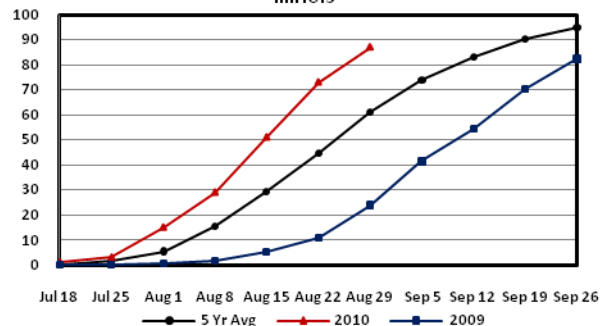
	This Week	Last Week	2009	5-Year Average
August 29				
CORN:				
Dough	99	95	76	91
Dented	87	73	24	61
Mature	34	13	2	11
Harvested	2	1/	0	1
SOYBEANS:				
Setting Pods	98	92	88	95
Turning Yellow	22	3	1	13
Shedding Leaves	5	1	0	3
SORGHUM:				
Headed	100	93	77	93
Coloring	62	50	20	55
Mature	3	1	3	11
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Third Cut	79	70	70	83

1/ Less than one percent.

Corn - Percent Dented
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Corn - Percent Dented
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Crop Condition Percents

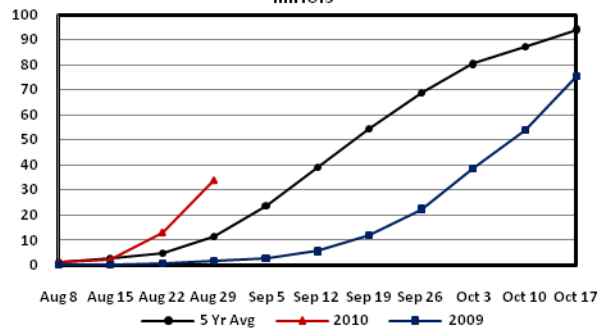
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
August 29					
Corn	4	9	25	47	15
Soybeans	3	8	30	46	13
Sorghum	5	8	30	41	16
Pasture	4	9	35	44	8

Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Topsoil Moisture Percents

District	Days Suitable For Fieldwork	Topsoil Moisture Percents			
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
August 23 - 29		August 29			
Northwest	6.8	1	13	85	1
Northeast	7.0	4	33	63	-
West	6.5	-	12	78	10
Central	6.9	7	33	56	4
East	7.0	35	48	17	-
W Southwest	6.6	-	12	87	1
E Southeast	6.7	16	43	40	1
Southwest	6.7	17	65	18	-
Southeast	7.0	66	12	22	-
State	6.8	12	27	59	2

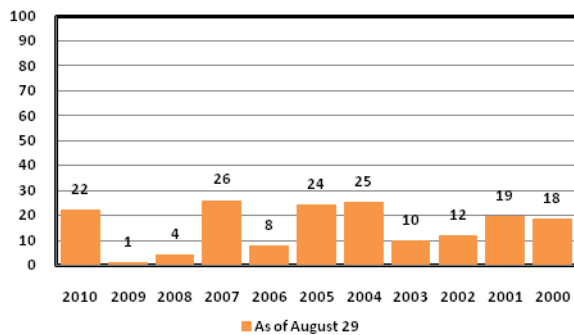
Corn - Percent Mature

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Soybeans - Percent Turning Yellow

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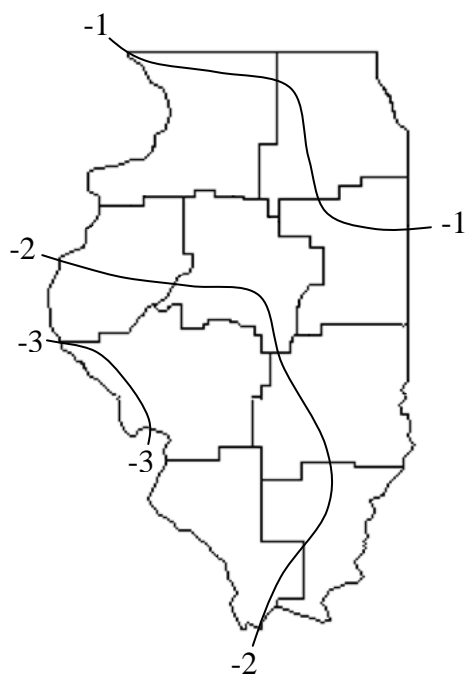


Crop Progress Percents by Districts

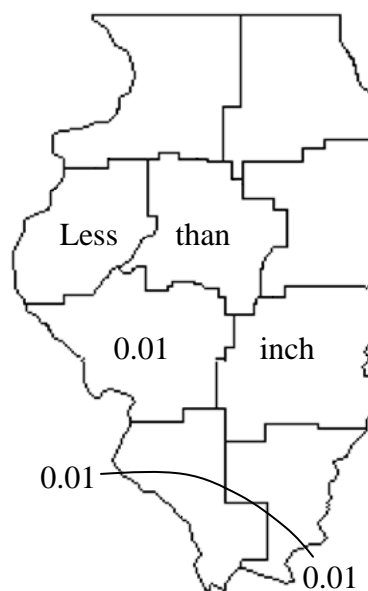
District	Corn Dough	Corn Dent	Corn Mature	Corn Harvested	Soybeans Setting Pods	Soybeans Turning Yellow
August 29						
Northwest	100	74	18	1	99	20
Northeast	98	88	14	1	99	21
West	97	84	34	1	97	11
Central	100	86	51	2	97	25
East	99	93	28	1	99	22
W Southwest	100	95	46	3	99	14
E Southeast	96	84	41	2	98	27
Southwest	97	95	55	11	96	22
Southeast	100	98	78	6	100	39
State	99	87	34	2	98	22

Weather Information Table

District	Temperature		Precipitation		Growing Degree Days	
	Average	Departure	Total	Departure	Since May 1	Departure
August 23 - 29						
Northwest	69.7	-1.6	0.00	-0.97	2,517	217
Northeast	70.8	-0.8	0.00	-0.93	2,531	268
West	71.6	-2.1	0.00	-0.63	2,753	240
Central	71.2	-1.8	0.00	-0.73	2,702	247
East	70.9	-1.5	0.00	-0.84	2,684	265
W Southwest	71.9	-2.8	0.00	-0.72	2,832	240
E Southeast	72.7	-1.9	0.00	-0.85	2,890	283
Southwest	73.1	-2.9	0.00	-0.71	2,991	296
Southeast	74.2	-2.0	0.00	-0.79	3,037	314
State	71.7	-1.9	0.00	-0.80	2,759	261



Temperature (°F) Departure
August 23 - 29



Precipitation (in.) Total
August 23 - 29

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